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Sachi A. Hamai) Chief Executive Officer

UTILIZING COUNTY EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS TO FILL JOB OPPORTUNITIES AT THE MUSIC CENTER (AGENDA OF JUNE 27, 2016)

On June 27, 2016 during the Board's budget deliberations, Chair Solis requested a report from the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) that identified partnership opportunities linking County employment programs and Music Center job opportunities, such as ushers. Chair Solis requested to have the report available for consideration during the Board's discussion of the Supplemental budget. This report responds to that request.

Employment Programs Available through Community and Senior Services

CEO convened a meeting with the Department of Community and Senior Services (CSS) and the Performing Arts Center of Los Angeles County (PACLAC) to discuss partnership opportunities. PACLAC is a nonprofit organization that contracts with the County to operate and provide programming at the Music Center. At the meeting, CSS discussed how Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) employment programs could offer an effective program for providing candidates for Music Center employment opportunities.

CSS and PACLAC held subsequent meetings to explore how County employment program participants could be utilized for recruiting candidates for specific positions, such as Guest Services Theater Ushers and Security Officers. CSS determined that PACLAC could benefit from qualified candidates who are enrolled in America's Job Center of California (AJCC), which is related to the County's WIOA program. Candidates from AJCC are provided with

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assessment, case management, basic skills training, certificated training and mentors through collaboration with community partners. This collaboration could help create a pipeline that would support the growing workforce and place disconnected youth and unemployed adults on new career paths.

Next Steps

CSS and PACLAC have identified effective partnership opportunities that could be utilized using existing resources with no additional cost to the County or PACLAC. CSS is working with PACLAC on developing a Letter of Commitment to formalize their relationship to utilize qualified WIOA/AJCC candidates to fill vacant usher and security positions at the Music Center.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Sid Kikkawa of my staff at (213) 974-6872.

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